



# PUBLIC NOTICE

## APPLICATION FOR PERMIT

### LOS ANGELES DISTRICT

**Public Notice/Application No.:** SPL-2008-00232-JPL

**Comment Period:** September 29, 2008 through October 14, 2008

**Project Manager:** Jason Lambert; 213-452-3361; Jason.P.Lambert@usace.army.mil

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#### Location

The proposed Orange County Loftus Channel Improvement project site consists of approximately 0.628 acre of jurisdictional waters of the U.S. and is located directly adjacent to the western side of Associated Road and is bound to the south by Imperial Highway (Highway 90) and is bordered to the east by Brea Plaza shopping center within the City of Brea, Orange County, California. The project site begins approximately 780 feet upstream from the northwest corner of Imperial Highway and Associated Road. See the attached drawings for a map of the project location.  
(at: lat: 33.7027141351463, lon: -117.760914143404).

#### Activity

The applicant, California Brea Partners, LP, has applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Corps), for a section 404 Individual Permit to discharge fill material into "waters of the United States." The applicant proposes to place an approximately 780 linear foot segment of the Brea Loftus channel into a box culvert in order to install additional parking and landscaping (see attached drawings). The proposed project would permanently impact 0.628 acre of jurisdictional wetlands by placing the open trapezoidal channel into a box culvert. The installation of a box culvert would allow for an increase in parking lot size of approximately 2 acres. The applicant also intends to install water quality treatment basins within the expanded parking lot area to deal with increased surface runoff.

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Interested parties are hereby notified that an application has been received for a Department of the Army permit for the activity described herein and shown on the attached drawing(s). Interested parties are invited to provide their views on the proposed work, which will become a part of the

record and will be considered in the decision. This permit will be issued or denied under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act of 1972 (33 U.S.C. 1344). Comments should be mailed to:

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District  
Regulatory Branch  
ATTN: CESPL-RG-S-200800232-JPL  
P.O. Box 532711  
Los Angeles, California 90053-2325

Alternatively, comments can be sent electronically to: Jason.P.Lambert@usace.army.mil

### **Evaluation Factors**

The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impact including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity on the public interest. That decision will reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources. The benefit which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. All factors which may be relevant to the proposal will be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Factors that will be considered include conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, flood plain values, land use, navigation, shoreline erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food production and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. In addition, if the proposal would discharge dredged or fill material, the evaluation of the activity will include application of the EPA Guidelines (40 CFR 230) as required by Section 404 (b)(1) of the Clean Water Act.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, state, and local agencies and officials; Indian tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

### **Preliminary Review of Selected Factors**

**EIS Determination**- A preliminary determination has been made that an environmental impact statement is not required for the proposed work.

**Water Quality**- The applicant is required to obtain water quality certification, under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, from the California Regional Water Quality Control Board. Section 401 requires that any applicant for an individual Section 404 permit provide proof of water quality certification to the Corps of Engineers prior to permit issuance.

**Coastal Zone Management**- This project is located outside of the coastal zone and will not affect coastal zone resources.

**Cultural Resources**- The latest version of the National Register of Historic Places has been consulted and this site is not listed. This review constitutes the extent of cultural resources investigations by the District Engineer, and he is otherwise unaware of the presence of such resources.

**Endangered Species**- Preliminary determinations indicate that the proposed activity would not affect federally-listed endangered or threatened species, or their critical habitat. Therefore, formal consultation under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act does not appear to be required at this time.

**Public Hearing**- Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearing shall state with particularity the reasons for holding a public hearing.

#### **Proposed Activity for Which a Permit is Required**

Implementation of the applicant's preferred project would result in impacts to approximately 0.628 acre of jurisdictional wetlands. The proposed alternative would place fill in the form of a concrete box culvert into the Brea Loftus Channel in order to expand the existing parking lot.

**Site Description:** The site is found within a developed portion within the city of Brea at the northwest corner of Associated Road and Imperial Highway. The site is a trapezoidal channel which has rip rap sides and a soft bottom. The entire channel bottom consists of jurisdictional wetlands, most of which are vegetated with Cattail (*Typha sp.*) species. The average width at the channel bottom over the stretch proposed for development is approximately 35 feet.

#### **Additional Project Information**

**Proposed Mitigation** - The proposed project intends on mitigating for the loss of jurisdictional wetlands associated with the construction of the proposed parking lot expansion project by contributing funds to an in lieu fee program with the San Gabriel Mountains Conservancy for the enhancement of 2 acres of riparian habitat. The proposed mitigation may change as a result of comments received in response to this public notice, the applicant's response to those comments, and/or the need for the project to comply with the 404(b)(1) Guidelines.

**Basic Project Purpose**- The basic project purpose comprises the fundamental, essential, or irreducible purpose of the proposed project, and is used by the Corps to determine whether the applicant's project is water dependent. The basic project purpose for the proposed project is commerce. The project is not water dependent.

**Overall Project Purpose**- The overall project purpose serves as the basis for the Corps' 404(b)(1) alternatives analysis and is determined by further defining the basic project purpose in a manner that more specifically describes the applicant's goals for the project, and which allows a reasonable range of alternatives to be analyzed. The overall project purpose for the proposed project is to increase the number of available parking spaces for the existing Brea Plaza shopping center.

#### **Proposed Special Conditions**

No special conditions are proposed at this time.

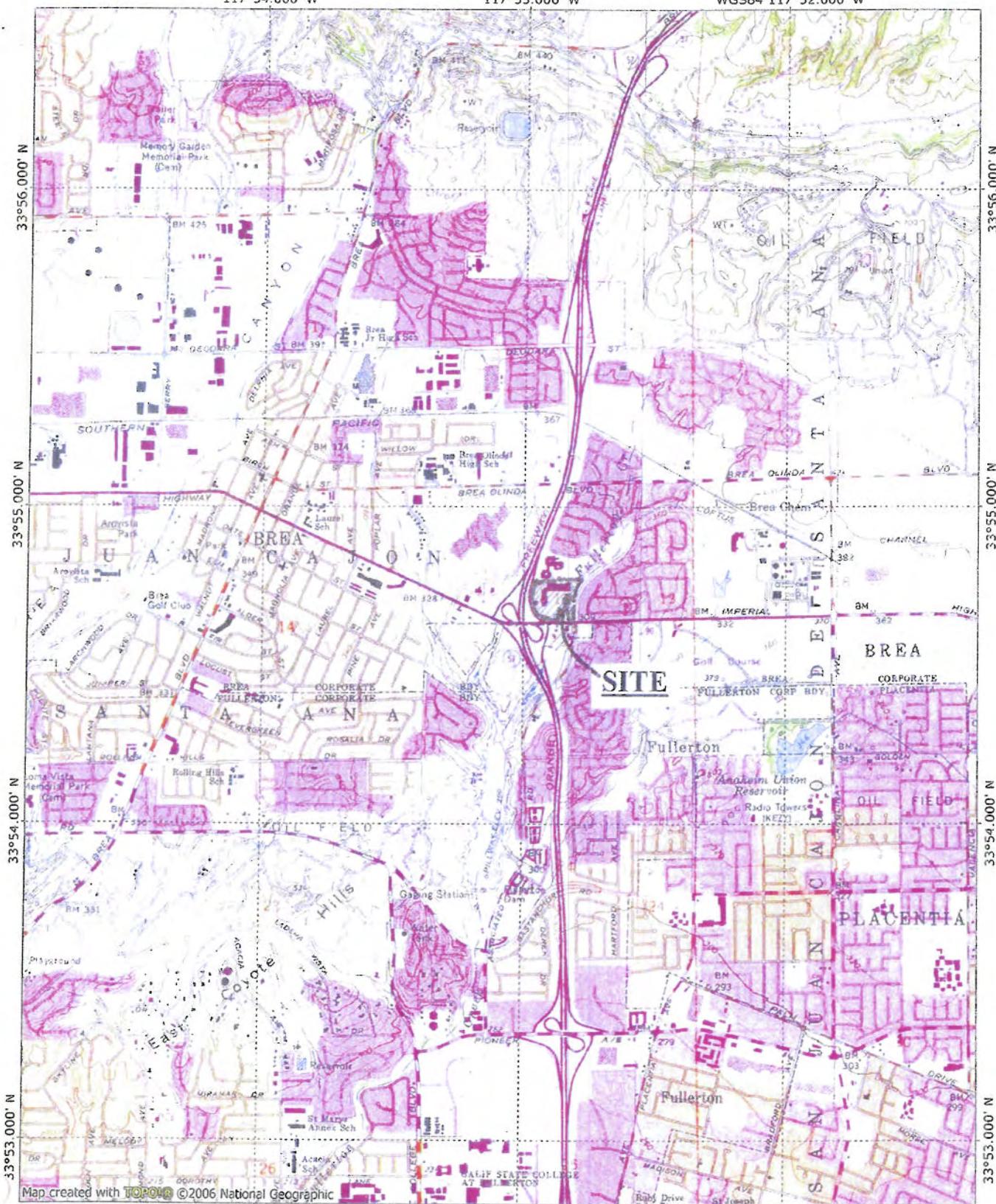
For additional information please call Jason Lambert of my staff at 213-452-3361 or via e-mail at [Jason.P.Lambert@usace.army.mil](mailto:Jason.P.Lambert@usace.army.mil). This public notice is issued by the Chief, Regulatory Division.

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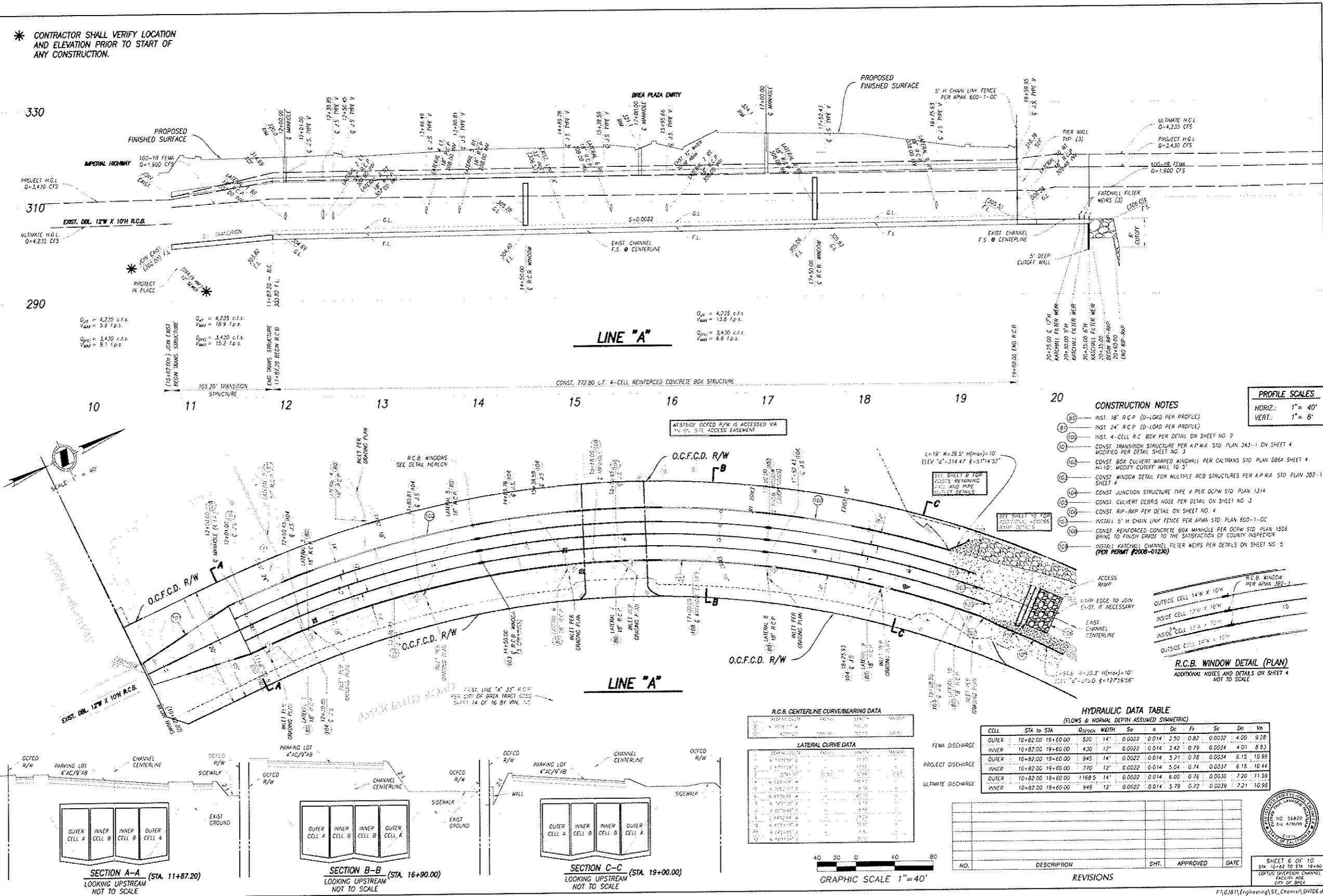


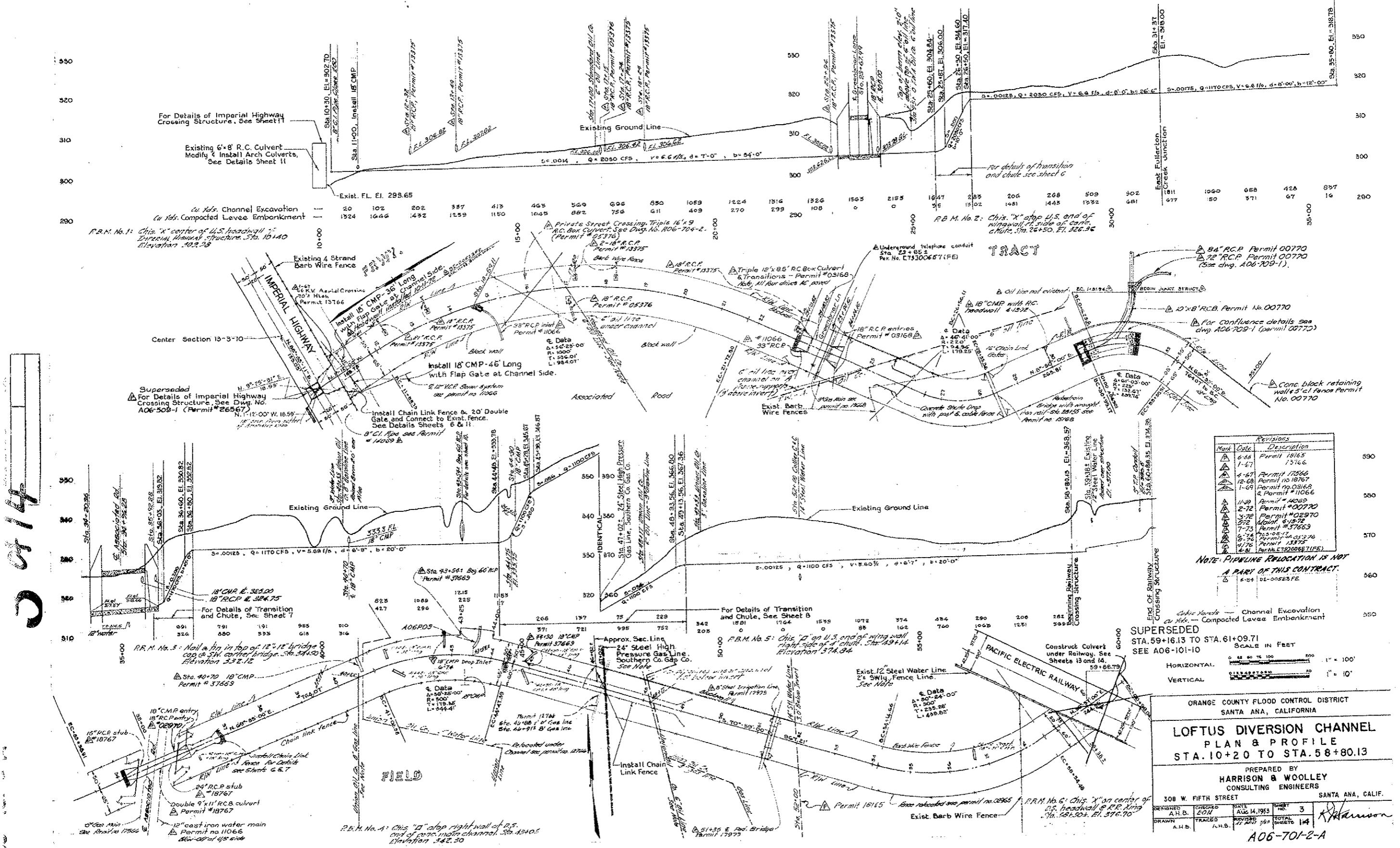
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\* CONTRACTOR SHALL VERIFY LOCATION  
AND ELEVATION PRIOR TO START OF  
ANY CONSTRUCTION.





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Curving

B.M. #1 - A Chisled Cross On Top Of U.S. End Wing Wall.  
 R.L. Side Concrete Chute  
 B.M. #2 - A Nail And Tin In Top Of 12'x12" Cap, S.W. Corner  
 Of Bridge, Sta. 34+50'  
 B.M. #3 - A Chisled Cross On Center Of U.S. Headwall: B.M. #3  
 Imperial Structure.

Elevation @ BM #1 BM #2 BM #3  
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 Per Div. Of Hwy. 325.52 331.23 305.13

